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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.		
TOPIC	Oranienburg Airfield			
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED		25X1
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- 25X1 ☐ 1. On 12, 14 and 16 October 1952, source observed that gravel and cement were being shipped to Oranienburg airfield at an increased rate. On 16 October, five trains with an average of 60 cars each were unloaded. Excavated earth was loaded on railroad cars and shipped away. Work on the levelling of the area adjacent to the first third of the runway was started, while concreting work was under way on the third section of the runway.
- 25X1 ☐ 2. Between 9 and 20 October, construction work was done in three shifts at the field. Gravel and shippings were unloaded daily from railroad cars on the spur track of the field.
- 25X1 ☐ 3. On 14 and 16 October, source observed that the old runway at the field was being re-surfaced. For this purpose, the runway was subdivided into several sections. Concreting by machine was completed on the center sections as far as Birkenallee. The old runway was covered with roofing paper and a concrete layer 15 to 20 cm thick was then added. Source learned from a railroadman that 50 railroad carloads of construction materials were unloaded daily at the field. On 14 October, a Soviet major, a captain and a senior lieutenant, who wore black epaulets with silver stripes and crossed axes were seen at the construction site. ☐
- 25X1 ☐ 4. Between 11 and 16 October, concreting work was continued on the runway. The runway was subdivided into several strips, on which work was done in a haphazard manner. At no point was the runway concreted in its entire width. Concreting on the planned northern and southern extensions of the runway has not been observed so far. On 14 October, another concreting machine, 7 meters long, arrived by rail. It was assembled without delay but was not yet in operation on 18 October. Work was still being done in three shifts. Two trains of about 45 cars each arrived at the field.
5. Between 11 and 18 October, surveying and levelling work was only done in the southern portion of the old runway. Defective spots of the runway were torn up

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to a depth that the subgrade gravel became visible. No excavation work was observed. Numerous markers were driven into the ground in the southern and southeastern portions of the field, but their purpose could not be determined. Between 11 and 18 October, the concreted drainage ditch on the west side of the runway was still being leveled.¹

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1. Comment. The report indicates that construction work at Cranienburg airfield continues. The Soviet officers observed at the installation probably belonged to an engineer construction unit.

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